

# MR. MYERS'S REASONS

Apathy of the Average Citizen  
Caused Him to Decline.

Independent Movement Begun Too  
Late to Promise Success.

Full Expression of Public Sentiment  
Could Not Be Obtained.

Comptroller Theodore W. Myers returned from Chicago at 2:45 o'clock this morning. He did not go to bed, but sat up and devoted the remaining hours of the night to the preparation of a statement setting forth his reasons why he declined the nomination of the City Club for Comptroller.

The statement was made public this afternoon.

A copy of the statement was sent to the City Club. It is as follows:

Dear Sirs: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 24th inst., and to thank you for your nomination as Comptroller of the City of New York.

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# IS THIS A LEGAL MARRIAGE?

Board of Health Returns Balling-  
ton Booth's Certificate.

Booth Says He Has the Right to  
Marry Soldiers.

The Health Department has ques-  
tioned the right and authority of Gen.  
Ballington Booth, commander of the  
Salvation Army, to perform marriage  
ceremonies.

The matter came up  
through the recording yesterday of  
marriage certificates of Adm. Robert  
and Major Rebecca Elizabeth Chatter-  
ton, who were married by Commander  
Booth, at Association Hall, on the night  
of Oct. 15 last.

The certificate was filed with Dr. John  
T. Squire, Registrar of Vital Statistics,  
who this morning raised the point as to  
whether Commander Booth was author-  
ized to perform the ceremony. It was  
found to be irregular, and the cer-  
tificate was returned to the Health  
Department.

The Health Department before accept-  
ing the certificate requires a proof  
that the person officiating is duly au-  
thorized to perform the marriage cer-  
emony.

As the certificate filed by Commander  
Booth contains nothing to show that he  
is authorized to solemnize marriages,  
Squire refused to accept it.

The matter was referred to the  
President of the Board of Health, with  
the request that he should determine  
whether or not Commander Booth was  
authorized to perform the ceremony.

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# LONG-BOUGHT FORGER TAKEN

He Is Gray-Haired and of Re-  
spectable Appearance.

Was Wanted Upon Five Different  
Complaints.

The cleverest apothecary check-work-  
er that the police have had in their clutches  
for many years was held in Jefferson  
Market Court today upon com-  
plaint of Joseph Koehler, of 120  
Park Row.

The man is gray-haired and of re-  
spectable appearance, and gives the im-  
pression of a fairly well-to-do business man. His name, he  
says, is George Harrison, and his age  
is forty, but he positively declines to fur-  
nish any address or to tell anything  
about himself.

He worked all about this vicinity, and  
was wanted in Jersey City, Newark  
and Brooklyn as well as here. At least  
a dozen complaints have already been  
lodged against him.

When arrested Harrison had in his pos-  
session a lot of blank checks on the First  
National Bank of New York, and also  
some of the Fulton National Bank of  
Brooklyn. Besides these there was a  
stamp used for certifying checks.

Harrison, who is very cool, was taken to  
Police Headquarters this forenoon.  
The man is a native of New York, and  
for many years has been in the employ  
of Mauchly's men, his picture was  
taken for the National Gallery.

He has been wanted at Police Headquarters  
for several weeks. Five complaints have  
been lodged against him there. He is  
known to the police as a man with  
unlimited nerve in laying down checks.

The specially trained police officers, who  
were with him, will watch a doctor's  
office until the doctor goes away,  
then they knock and enter the doctor's  
office, and find the doctor there.

On being told that he is out he  
declines to see the doctor's wife. When she  
is alone he enters the office, and takes  
the doctor's money. He is known to the  
police as a man with unlimited nerve in  
laying down checks.

He then takes out a check for \$25 or  
\$30, and he is gone. The doctor's wife  
is most anxious to get the check and hands  
over the difference to the wife forger.

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# IS JIMMIE DIVER TOWED?

Announcement of His Engage-  
ment Surprises His Family.

The News Appears to Be Well  
Known in the Neighborhood.

A genuine surprise was caused in the  
Fourth and Seventh wards today, by  
the announcement of the engagement of  
James P. Diver, eldest son of Police  
Inspector Patrick Diver, and Lizzie Viola  
Hawthorn, daughter of Capt. Robert  
Hawthorn.

The reported engagement caused no  
end of a stir because of the prominence  
of both parties, and the gossip of the  
wards were soon busy discussing the  
approaching marriage.

The fact that young "Jimmie" had been pining for  
his bride, and that he had been waiting  
for her, was a well-known fact. The  
engagement was a surprise to his family.

When the engagement was announced,  
the fact that the bride was the daughter  
of a police officer, and the groom was  
the son of a police officer, was a well-  
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# DILLON RAPS JOHN REDMOND.

Says He Shows a Desire to Make  
Home Rule Impossible.

Meanwhile Lord Randolph Churchill  
Coddles to the Parnellite.

DUBLIN, Oct. 25.—At a meeting of the  
National Federation yesterday John  
Dillon, Member of Parliament for East  
Mayo, made an address, in which he  
referred at length to John Redmond's  
statement that there would be no  
to the abused seventy-one Nationalist  
members of Parliament the Irish and  
wary task of keeping in office the Lib-  
eral Government which is trying to pass  
a Home Rule measure.

He said that Redmond's assertion that  
the future policy of the Parnellite fac-  
tion would be to utterly disregard the  
interests of all English parties showed  
a desperate desire on the part of  
the obstructionists to make Home Rule  
impossible, or, at least, to rob it of any  
political force.

Mr. Dillon was sure the Irish people  
would not be so easily deceived as such  
a party. It was easy for a man con-  
trolling only nine votes to speak in this  
manner, but as for the Nationalists,  
they were in full control of seventy-one  
votes, they held a perfect balance of  
power and were quite strong enough to  
dispose Mr. Gladstone if necessary or  
desirable. It therefore became them to  
speak with a proper sense of their  
responsibility, and to show that the  
great responsibility resting upon them,  
and not as schoolboys.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Lord Randolph  
Churchill, speaking at Yarmouth yester-  
day, said that he had confidence in  
John Redmond, adding that the Union-  
ists would not desert him, and that  
they would vote for a dissolution.

THE RUSSIANS AT MARSEILLES.  
Reached with the Same Enthusiasm  
as at Paris and Lyons.

MARSEILLES, Oct. 25.—The Russian  
army arrived at Marseilles at 10 o'clock  
and were most enthusiastically received at  
the depot. The scenes witnessed at  
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